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**Situation Report**  
**Winter Storm**  
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**SUMMARY**

A series of severe winter storms swept across Missouri on Friday, January 12, 2007, causing moderate to heavy damage throughout the state. An area from Joplin to St. Louis along the I-44 corridor was the heaviest hit. A second round of freezing precipitation took place on Saturday, and a third round moved through the state on Sunday.

On Monday, Governor Blunt submitted an expedited request to President Bush for Federal assistance. Late Monday night, the President authorized Public Assistance (PA) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to local governments and qualifying non-profit agencies for debris removal and certain emergency protective measures (Categories A & B). The following counties were included in the disaster declaration: Barry, Barton, Callaway, Camden, Christian, Cole, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, Lincoln, Maries, McDonald, Miller, Montgomery, Newton, Osage, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, St Charles, St Clair, St Louis, Stone, Warren, Webster, Wright, and the City of St Louis. Additional counties may be added at a later date following preliminary damage assessments, which may begin next week.

As of Tuesday afternoon, officials reported 85 shelters were open throughout the state, with a total estimated population of more than 3,600 people.

**Fatalities**

Location	Fatalities	Notes
Dade County	1	Traffic-related
Harrison County	1	Traffic-related
Lawrence County	1	CO-related
Jasper County	1	CO related
Jackson County	3	3 - Traffic-related
Johnson County	1	Traffic-related
St Francois County	1	Traffic-related
STATE TOTAL	9	7 traffic-related; 2 CO-related

On Tuesday, City of Joplin reported a death due to carbon monoxide poisoning from operating a generator in a garage.

**Power restoration**

Officials report more than **128,000 customers statewide** are without power as a result of the storm. **Rural electric coops report 65,000 customers** without power. **Empire Electric reports 36,000 customers** in southwest Missouri are without power. **Springfield City Utilities reports 23,000 customers** still without power. **Ameren UE has 4,000 customers** without service. Power for Aquila customers was restored on Tuesday in west-central Missouri. **In some areas, officials are warning people to be prepared for power outages lasting another 7-10 days.**

### County Reports

**Barry County**—Officials report 11,000 homes without power, with Butterfield, Cassville, Purdy, and Monett being among the most heavily impacted. **City of Monett had power interrupted early Wednesday. However, officials are hopeful that much of the city will have power by 12pm today.** Roads are blocked throughout the county. Seven shelters were open on Tuesday, with a population of about 100 people. Health and welfare checks for residents in rural areas were underway on Tuesday. Fuel for emergency vehicles and generators remain critical issues.

**Barton County**—Officials report significant power outages, primarily in Golden City and Mindenmines. One shelter was open Sunday night with a population of 50 people.

**Camden County**—Officials reported opening two shelters and they are looking into opening a third shelter.

**Cedar County**—Officials report one shelter was open Sunday night with a population of 9 people.

**Christian County**—Officials estimate 10,000 people without power, with the biggest problems in Billings and Clever where 90-100% of homes are without power. Two shelters were open on Sunday, with total population of 46 people.

**Crawford County**—Officials report three shelters were open on Sunday with a population of 31 people.

**Dallas County**—Officials report noticeable improvement in the power situation, although 80% of the county remains without electricity. Large outages are still being reported in Buffalo and Urbana. **Six shelters were open Tuesday night with a total population of 450 people.** The extreme cold has caused problems with generators operating some of the municipal water systems.

**Franklin County**—Officials report 13,000 people without power. One shelter was open Sunday night with a population of 10 people. Two warming centers were in operation on Monday.

**Gasconade County**—Officials reported power outages to about 5,000 people. Two shelters were open on Sunday, with a population of 18 people.

**Greene County**—Officials report 74,000 homes without power, affecting all areas of the county. **Nine shelters were open Tuesday night, with a total population of 860 people. 85% of road are now passable (at least one lane open).** Authorities are conducting health and welfare checks. Debris clearance remains a high priority. Bulk food and water has been received, and coordination efforts are underway to distribute the supplies to other affected areas.

**Hickory County**—Officials report two shelters were open on Tuesday. No population figures were immediately available.

**Jasper County**—Officials report a death in Joplin is related to carbon monoxide poisoning. An estimated 3,800 residents were without power at midday Tuesday. One shelter was open on Tuesday with a population of 50 people.

**Laclede County**—Officials report widespread power outages. In Lebanon, 800 homes were without power on Tuesday. More than half the houses in the rest of the county were also without power on Tuesday. Officials say 25% of county residents have no phone service. Restocking fuel supplies remains an issue. 75% of roadways are impassable in eastern part of county due to downed trees and branches, making it difficult to conduct health and welfare checks. 18 shelters were open on Tuesday with an estimated population of more than 1,000 people.

**Lawrence County**—Officials estimated 25,000 homes remain without power on Wednesday. Limited power was being restored on Tuesday in Mt Vernon, but large outages remain in Aurora, Freistatt, Halltown, Miller, Pierce City, and Verona. **Nine shelters were open Tuesday night with a total population of 300 people.** Restocking food supplies, fuel for emergency vehicles and debris removal are critical issues.

**Lincoln County**—Officials report significant power outages in Old Monroe. 54 people from a nursing home in Moscow Mills were evacuated to a shelter.

**Maries County**—Officials report power has been restored to most of Vienna, although there are still significant outages in the rest of the county. A boil-water order was issued for residents in Vienna on Tuesday. Four warming centers were being operated on Tuesday. Authorities are conducting health and welfare checks on residents in rural areas.

**McDonald County**—Officials report about 7,000 customers without power in Anderson, Lanagan, and Pineville. Three shelters were open on Sunday with a population of 119 people.

**Miller County**—Officials reported about 5,000 customers without power on Tuesday, mostly in the southern part of the county. Power has been restored in Eldon and Iberia. Three shelters were open on Tuesday, but population figures were not immediately available.

**Newton County**—Officials report 40,000 customers without power. Operating 7 shelters for 200 people on Sunday night. The Guard is putting a liaison officer in their EOC.

**Polk County**—Officials report widespread damage throughout the County, especially in Bolivar and Pleasant Hope. An estimated 8,000 customers in Bolivar are without power. **Health and welfare checks are underway in the southern part of the county, near Morrisville and Pleasant Hope.** Four shelters were open Monday night with a total population of 340 people.

**Pulaski County**—Officials report about 8,200 homes without power, primarily in and around Crocker, Dixon, Richland, St Robert, and Waynesville. On Tuesday, officials said the power infrastructure in Richland had been destroyed by the storm. Seven shelters were open on Tuesday with a total population of nearly 600 people.

**St. Charles County**—Officials reported about 1200 homes without power on Tuesday. One shelter was open on Tuesday. All remaining shelters have been closed. The EOC discontinued operations at 5pm Tuesday.

**St Louis City**—Officials reported no shelters opened and normal Fire/Police operations. They continue to monitor the situation.

**St. Louis County**—Officials reported 2,000 customers without power on Wednesday. **There is no longer a demand for shelters. EOC has de-activated.**

**Stone County**—Officials report major power outages in the north part of the county, near Crane and Hurley. One shelter has been opened

**Warren County**—Officials report 1,300 people without power. Warming centers were opened Sunday night.

**Webster County**—Officials report 7,000 homes without power, affecting all areas of the County, including people in Diggins, Elkland, Marshfield, Niangua, and Seymour. **Officials are advising residents in Elkland that it could be up to 10 days before power is fully restored. Two shelters were open Tuesday night.** Last census report showed a total population of 90 people. In addition, one warming center was also open on Tuesday. Generators have been supplied to all water towers in towns that lost power. A boil-water advisory has been issued for people in Diggins.

**Wright County**—Officials reported hundreds of people were without power in areas north of Hartville. One warming center was open on Tuesday.

#### State Actions

**Governor Blunt** issued Executive Order 07-02 on Saturday declaring a State of Emergency in response to the winter storm. He also signed Executive Order 07-03 that same day activating the National Guard to assist with the emergency response. On Monday, the Governor requested a Federal Expedited Disaster Declaration for 34 Counties and the City of St. Louis.

**State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)** is operating the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) on a 24-hour basis. SEMA officials plan to staff the SEOC at least through Wednesday evening. SEMA is also starting early coordination to start damage assessments with local officials within the next week.

**Missouri National Guard (MONG)** has about 400 people assisting missions ranging from debris removal, to health and safety checks and transporting generators, cots, food, and blankets.

**Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP)** reports seven people have died from weather-related traffic accidents. The latest accident occurred in St Francois County, where a woman was killed when her vehicle was swept off a low-water crossing by flood-waters.

**Division of Fire Safety** is working requests for Incident Management Teams as needed. The State Fire Marshal reminds all jurisdictions to be careful with 1). Exceeding capacities, which would hinder prompt evacuation in case of fire at shelters, warming centers, and feeding centers. 2). Where use of generators is involved, make sure that they are properly vented and the fuel source is not leaking creating additional hazards.

**Office of Administration (OA)** has delivered over 100 generators throughout the affected area as well as 11 pallettes of Meals-Ready -to- Eat to the affected area. OA is checking on property damage at State properties.

**Missouri Dept of Conservation (MDC)** is assisting with debris clearance activities in Greene, **Laclede, and Polk** Counties.

**Missouri Dept of Health and Senior Services** is working on nursing home power restoration and checking for special-needs population health issues. The DSR is monitoring and assisting with health related issues.

**Missouri Department of Transportation** is responding throughout the State. Several maintenance facilities are without power. Roads conditions are improving, but watching for re-freezing as temperatures drop below freezing.

**Missouri Dept of Natural Resources (MDNR)** has issued waivers on landfill restrictions and open burning for storm generated yard waste. Energy Center staff is working with fuel supply issues in the impacted counties. **DNR is also providing assistance with debris clearance in the affected area.**

**Department of Social Services** is helping staff shelters with Division of Children Services staff where needed.

#### **Volunteer Agency Actions**

**American Red Cross (ARC)** has been ordering additional cots and blankets. 50,000 heater meals were delivered to Springfield on Tuesday. Southern Baptist relief services has been requested to supply three portable kitchens to be located in Greene, Polk and third place to be announced.

**The Salvation Army (TSA)** is assisting with feeding and shelter operations throughout the state. TSA supplied 1,700 meals in Greene County yesterday. They are also setting up a center in Jasper County. Additional shelters are being set up in Hickory County. Both ARC and TSA will be handling food distribution from the Baptist Feeding Centers.

**AmeriCorps** has deployed 35 volunteers in Missouri. Teams are active is the **State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)**, as well as **Barry, Greene, Laclede, Lawrence, and Polk Counties**. Volunteers are supporting operations in shelters and EOCs as well as supplying generators across the affected area. They are activating an 800 number for people to call needing assistance soon.

#### **Weather**

**The National Weather Service (NWS)** forecast calls for highs to reach into the 30s both Wednesday and Thursday. Overnight lows should hold in the 20s. NWS is also looking at the possibility of light snow developing in the state by Saturday night into Sunday.

#### **Point of Contact:**

Calls to the SEOC can be made at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed on a 24-hour basis until the end of the week.

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>